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Boat wakes stirring up controversy

By Lisa Gervais

Some Lake Kashagawigamog residents say while the County has passed a shoreline preservation bylaw, nothing is being done to stop the damage from boat wakes.

It's becoming a growing issue, according to the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) and residents including Lance and Martine Payne, Steve and Sharon Heilemann, and Collin Burke.

The Paynes gathered some residents in early September. Martine Payne said their goal was to educate people, "to the damage these wake boats - and predominantly the ones with the huge bladders - are causing. They are creating such wakes that even if they're in the middle of the lake, they don't dissipate. The damage to the shoreline is immense."

She's also worried about wakes stirring up sediments, such as E-coli from goose droppings.

Payne said they contacted County planner Steve Stone, who was involved in the shoreline preservation bylaw, but that bylaw only addresses land-based activities, "which we find hypocritical because we really need something to address the water and we thought they could tack that on, but unfortunately they couldn't."

Stone told *The Highlander* the County has no jurisdiction over on-water activities. For example, boat licensing and navigation is

Sharon Heilemann points to an eroded bank at Slipper Beach on Lake Kashagawigamog. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Transport Canada says no wake prohibitions in force

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handled by Transport Canada and the Coast Guard; impaired and unsafe boating by the OPP; and structures such as dock cribs and boathouses affixed to the lakebed by the province. Dysart planner Jeff Iles said he was also unaware of any municipal jurisdiction in regulating personal watercraft wakes, and a provincial spokesperson pointed to Transport Canada.

A Transport Canada spokesperson said in Ontario, there is a shoreline speed restriction of 10 km/hr within 30 metres of shore, with certain exceptions.

"This applies in Haliburton County; however, the County has some rivers that are less than 100 metres in width, bringing them within the exceptions, and the universal shoreline speed restriction would not apply in those locations," the spokesperson said.

They added if anyone has concerns regarding shoreline speed restrictions, they can contact their local authorities, such as a township or city, county or province. "If the local authority is of the view there may be a need for further vessel operation restrictions, they can apply to Transport Canada to propose additional site-specific restrictions."

However, when it comes to wakes, the spokesperson said, "all moving vessels will

create a wake. Thus, there are not any wake prohibitions in force."

Haliburton Hockey Haven, which operates a wakeboarding program during the summer on the lake, did not respond to telephone and email messages.

Craig Bowker, owner of Ski-Mazing Watersports School and Sky-Mazing Parasail, said, "I've been on the lake system for 20 years and always tried to be respectful. We don't operate wake surfboats. We don't own them. Most of what we're doing is teaching beginner waterskiing and wakeboarding. The right for everybody to enjoy the lake system, I believe in that. I don't believe that any one interest group has a higher purpose than the next."

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) has been raising awareness about the issue. Along with the Muskoka Lakes Association, and Safe Quiet Lakes, they collaborated on a short video about being #WakeAware.

Lance Payne said the enjoyment of their property has been impacted. "You can't kayak, paddleboard, swim, except for in very confined times, and when someone is monopolizing the lake in that way, that's just not correct."

Collin Burke said the intense wakes are



Some Lake Kash residents are upset over wakes caused by boats and jetskis.

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damaging his shoreline and dock. "It's so violent when those waves come in ... the wake from those things is like a tsunami."

Jan Gerrow is president of the LKO. She said they are concerned about the damage to shorelines and the natural habitat.

"LKO is aware of increased recent concerns regarding wake damage on the lake particularly in the north end of the lake. LKO purchased and annually installs 'no wake' buoys in the narrows in an attempt to

minimize shoreline damage through speed control. Although boat wakes cause shoreline damage, it is our understanding that boat wakes are not regulated."

Burke said the issue sparks, "a thought-provoking question of where we want to go if we really want to protect the environment. Do we really want to do that? Everybody has to play their part. I feel it's maybe some things are just an easy fix right now."



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Highlanders mourn passing of Queen Elizabeth II

By Sam Gillett

On Sept. 7, members of the Minden Legion sang *God Save The Queen* as legions across Canada have for 70 years. They didn't know it would be the last time they sang that song.

On Sept. 8, Queen Elizabeth II died at the royal family's Balmoral Estate. She was the United Kingdom's longest-serving monarch.

County residents and local organizations are now marking the passing of Canada's former head of state.

"It will be different for us, and it has affected us," said Wendy Bolt, president of Minden's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636. Legions, and everyone else who sings the British anthem, will now sing *God Save the King*.

"She represents history for me, royalty and history for Canada," Bolt said. "The Queen represents stability for all of the British Commonwealth."

The legion placed a black shroud with poppies below a picture of the queen. Flags at all legions will fly at half-mast until the day after Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

"I never met the woman but I'm personally feeling a loss, which is interesting," said Haliburton branch president Don Pitman.

"She always seemed to look for the common ground, from what I can see."

Hope Thompson, a County resident, recently found out her grandfather helped out on the train that carried the Queen across Canada during her 1962 tour.

"It was interesting to see how a little piece of our family history intersected with a larger moment in Canadian History," she said, adding that the Queen's death felt like it "closes a door" on an era. "She was a person who had a connection with the past century."

County residents Sharon Foster and Dan Sullivan were in England visiting family when the Queen died.

"... It felt like I had been called home to say goodbye," Foster said in a message. "Strong emotions for me and so many UK citizens as we say farewell to the Mother of our great nation."

Glimpses of Elizabeth

Peter Walford-Davis might not have seen the Queen if not for an Edinburgh stoplight. While located in Liverpool through much of



The late Queen's portrait is draped in black cloth at the Haliburton Legion. Photo by Sam Gillett.

the war, he was living in Edinburgh with his family when the German army surrendered.

"Instead of hearing air raid sirens screaming at us... or the strange throbbing sounds of the Luftwaffe, we heard birds... the laughter of children," Walford-Davis said.

He and his family took part in nationwide celebrations in the city. They were at a stoplight that day, waiting to cross the road.

It was then the royal limousine passed by carrying King George and his family.

Princess Elizabeth looked out the window and met Walford-Davis' eyes.

She smiled. The traffic light changed, and she moved on.

"From that particular evening when we met to the time she passed on, she was always a part of my life," Walford-Davis said. "She was my Queen. To hear she had passed on, I was sad... at the same time she deserves the peace for all her years of service to the people. Not only the Commonwealth, but the world."

Dozens of other Highlanders, such as Roxanne Casey, have memories of the monarch. Her grandmother was invited to the Queen's garden party, and Casey still has the invite. "I keep it safe and in my china cabinet, my grandmother was so honoured to have been a guest..." she said.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott also has a first-hand connection to Queen Elizabeth II. Scott met the Queen with her father, long-serving MPP William Scott, in 1982 at the proclamation of Canada's constitution.

"It was kind of overwhelming. I was kind of nervous," Scott said.

Ever since, the experience has remained crystal clear. She still has the gloves she wore to the event.

Scott was in Ontario's Legislature, Queen's Park, when news of the Queen's death became public on Sept. 8.

"It was like nobody knew exactly what to do, it hasn't happened in 70 years," she

said. "You could see officials checking about protocol... question period was continuing." Legislature was adjourned after the Queen's death and will resume next week.

Scott said she feels "heartbroken" about the news. "It was very emotional; it was like a member of your family has passed."

She said Ontario's governmental centre was also a poignant place to receive the news.

"It's a moment in time you're never going to forget, [we were] in a place of democracy, which she was a big defender of," Scott said.

Federal MP Jamie Schmale also released a statement Sept. 8.

"On behalf of the constituency of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the members of the royal family, and people of the Commonwealth," he said.

King Charles III will now serve as the United Kingdom's monarch and Canada's head of state.



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Members of the Highlands East's trails and outdoors committee recommended the IB&O bridge be inspected in early 2022. *Highlands East.*

A troubled bridge over IB&O trail waters

By Sam Gillett

A bridge often used by snowmobilers, hikers and cyclists in Highlands East will be closed after it was deemed unsafe by an engineering firm.

At the recommendation of the trails and outdoors committee, Highlands East hired an engineer to assess the wooden bridge in April 2022.

The firm, Greer Galloway, recommended the IB&O bridge be shut immediately due to structural issues. The inspectors said it was beyond saving.

"There are no suggestions to repair the bridge as it would be cost-prohibitive..." said economic development coordinator Joanne

Vanier at a Sept. 13 meeting of council.

Jon Cumming, president of the Paudash Trailblazers snowmobile club, which has a trail over the bridge, said "an unsafe bridge is an unsafe bridge. We're disappointed it's gotten to this point but we're hopeful Highlands East council will come up with a solution."

He said the group has no current plans for a bypass of the bridge since snowmobiling across the creek below it would be unsafe and temporary bridges are costly.

"We're a volunteer-based organization - we have limited numbers of people to help us do the work," Cumming said. "Losing any link in our system is definitely a difficulty we

have to spend time working around."

CAO Shannon Hunter said the township is aware of the impact of the closure to snowmobilers and other users.

"But we've had an engineer's report that says we shouldn't be using it... we have to think about the liability," she said.

Staff presented two options to council: close the bridge completely or just to vehicle traffic.

Vanier said it would be difficult to stop vehicles, such as dirt bikes or bicycles, even with barricades that would permit pedestrians.

Initially, mayor Dave Burton said he'd favour allowing pedestrians to use the bridge,

however, Hunter said she'd caution against that as it would leave the township open to liability if anyone injured themselves on the bridge after it was deemed unsafe.

Councillors unanimously voted to close the bridge.

"I hate to say that, and I know that snowmobilers are the lifeblood of our community in the winter... I do not want to take the chance of the municipality getting into any sort of liability trouble," Coun. Suzanne Partridge said.

According to a staff report, council can direct staff to seek quotes for a replacement bridge, to be incorporated into the 2023 budget.

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September 29 - Regular Council Meeting
October 13 - Regular Council Meeting

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Camping on Crown land has been a topic of concern for townships across Haliburton. File.

Illegal camping complaints spiking in HE

By Sam Gillett

Highlands East is seeking solutions after a “dramatic” rise in complaints about illegal camping on municipal boat launches and beaches adjacent to Crown land.

At a Sept. 13 meeting, council voted to request a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to discuss camping on Crown land, which the township cannot control.

Bylaw officer Wayne Galloway said, “the biggest issue with dealing with these complaints is there are no definitive

boundaries for what is and what isn’t Crown land.”

Camping is permitted up to 21 days on Crown land, but not on municipally-owned land. Often there aren’t boundaries to mark the difference.

Galloway suggested council meet with the MNRF to discuss the issue and consider having the lands surveyed, to determine municipal boundaries.

“If it’s not municipal property, it’s Crown land, that’s up to the MNRF to police,” Galloway said. “It’s probably time we bit the bullet and had these places surveyed. What’s

Crown land and what’s shoreline?”

Highlands East shoreline ownership extends 66 feet from the high-water mark in these areas, such as a boat launch on North Bay beach and an area on Telephone Bay Road.

Galloway said he found campsites that were on Crown land, but had chairs and tables located on municipal land.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said she found previous discussions with the MNRF “very disappointing.”

She said they suggested residents keep track of whether campers were there for more than 21 days.

“I don’t think it’s fair they ask private citizens to do their job,” Partridge said.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said he’s received numerous complaints about the use of Crown land in the area, including fire pits, garbage left behind and human waste.

“Is there anything at all we can do? Or are we strictly in the hands of the MNRF in those particular issues?” he asked.

Galloway said the recreational use bylaw only permits enforcement on municipal property, not Crown land.



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Editor's note: We are beginning our municipal election race coverage this week with the contenders for mayor for Highlands East. We have taken recorded podcast interviews and broken them down into an easy-to-read format. The full recordings can be found at thehighlander.ca/podcast. Our editorial team continues to look into the hot-topic issues facing our townships and County, namely: housing, health care, poverty, amalgamation, shoreline preservation bylaw, transportation, labour and short-term rentals. We're asking every candidate what they would do to help solve these problems.



Burton to campaign on experience in HE mayoral race

By Lisa Gervais

Qualifications

Served four terms on Highlands East council and six years on Oro-Medonte. Has been a County warden, chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, Eastern Ontario Regional Network and Good Roads. He was self-employed (water well drilling) most of his working life. He also sold bottled water. He's a former volunteer firefighter.

Amalgamation

"I've said all along, let's get the service delivery review in place and let's see how we make out with that. I'm fully willing to look at (amalgamation). It's going to take experience and some special people on council to look into it and see what may benefit the municipality and taxpayers. With the service delivery review, we might be able to share staff as that's one of my main concerns right now is getting qualified people that can commit to the municipal sector."

Health

"Are we doing enough? I guess my question back to you is how much is enough? I think we've come a long way with what we're doing. We expect full partnership with HHHS to do what we have to do as far as recruitment. But it's probably never enough. So, there is a line we are going to have to draw."

Burton added, "one hospital probably would have been good for Haliburton County. I believe one would have been better if it could have been located in the right spot. I suppose that was the politics of the day."

As for lobbying the province for a CAT scan and fundraising for it, he said he is 100 per cent supportive.

Housing

"The province has looked into the Provincial Policy Statement to make housing, especially affordable housing, a little easier to get. For me to try to do some housing with the way the rules and laws are now, I'd be looking at probably a six-plex or a four-plex. That's fine. The septic and well can manage it. I'm willing to look into that if we can find a good place close to the hamlets. So, if people don't have a vehicle, they can walk to get what they need."

"I would partner with any of the groups, builders and province to try to get that in place. One of our committees in Highlands East was tasked with reducing the size of our accommodations. We did that and talked about building granny flats etc."



Dave Burton is seeking a fifth term on Highlands East council. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Poverty

"What can be done about food insecurity? Our food hub. We provide in-kind support. We want to make sure people are getting the food they need. I'm very proud of our community gardens and letting people grow their own food."

Shoreline preservation bylaw

Burton voted in favour of the shoreline preservation bylaw at County council last month.

"We've spent five years trying to wrestle this thing. A lot of dollars have been spent, mostly consulting people and looking to see what the community really wanted. I'm a bit sad that in some places it has become an election issue. I have not heard a lot of negative things. It's the protection of the lakes."

Short-term rentals

"I am adamant that people be safe and accountable. In Highlands East, we encourage STRs for the right reasons. I have a list of pros and cons. It has put stress on our waste disposal, and on our emergency services, police, ambulance and fire."

"As for budgeting for enforcement, he added, "we have to do that ... Part of the concern is we have to get the owner or somebody at the place to be able to

meet with bylaw or police so we can do something. Numbers [of people staying] has been a big concern but the County is working on a formula of two per bedroom and maybe two floaters, so a three-bedroom cottage would be allowed eight people, which the septs were probably designed for."

Transportation

"I take a lot of pride in what we've done in Highlands East with the Bancroft Community Transit. We have Hyland Taxi and TOK Coachlines. At the County, we've tried a couple of different things over the years. I actually think if someone can make it work, it will be a bus line such as Hammond."

Vision for the future

"To help create a vibrant, inclusive municipality and County. We're there to put systems in place and opportunities for everybody. I'm not going to tell you that in 10 years we're going to have a Tim Hortons on every corner or whatever. Nobody can project that. I'm hoping we have in 10 years' time a community that is safe and sound, healthy, environmentally-friendly, and green. But we need experienced mayors to do this. Highlands East and the County grew during COVID. My concern is now that more people are here, we have to find something for them to do, and ensure they're safe, so have [access to] hospitals, landfills, it's been a

juggling act."

He said he knows as mayor he has some say over planning the future, "but that will be up to the people that elect us." Our committees, for example, provide valuable insight to council.

Highlands East

"The major challenge right now – and it's going to take experience to do this – is to get us back on our feet after COVID."

As for HE's vision, he said, "one thing I would like to do, right after the election, is sit down with council and take our strategic plan and have a look at it. The one we have in place now has been a moving document and I'd like to maybe pull it out. I don't want to say dust it off, after COVID, but let's get focused again to possibly look at a crystal ball and see what might be there in 10 years. Now, it's hard for me to say."

Dave Burton the candidate

"I'm going to campaign on experience. We need experience at County council. I've had people say they hope I can bring that experience and I certainly will. I've prided myself, I have put all my morals, principles, and standards to work doing what I'm doing ... and I find it extremely difficult to step aside. I think it reflects well on me, and my council, that three-quarters have been acclaimed."

Ellis would bring hands-on expertise to the job

By Lisa Gervais

Qualifications

The *Highlander* asked Ellis why she was running for mayor, not councillor. "I thought maybe I could make more of a difference." She said her background is in human resource management, including finance, payroll, compensation, and dealing with people. She spent 13 years working in the County roads department. She recently helped conduct the 2021 Census and took a casual job at a long-term care home in Bancroft to get out during COVID. She's also travelled.

Amalgamation

"I don't think amalgamation is going to solve any problems. The smaller municipalities would lose our voice and service levels and have a tax increase. In the more rural areas, we'd be paying for services that we don't use, such as water, sewer, garbage pickup. If it wasn't implemented perfectly and thought through very carefully, I think it could end up being a costly endeavour. I don't think that's something we should be moving forward with yet."

Health

Ellis acknowledges health care personnel shortages. However, she said the County is trying to recruit family physicians and emergency room doctors. She said the province provides incentives, too. She said people can go to regional hospitals to see specialists and avail themselves of telemedicine.

Asked whether there should be just one larger hospital in the Highlands, instead of two smaller ones, Ellis said, "I don't like closing down any kind of health care thing. They should stay open if we possibly can do it."

Housing

"Homes for People [Places for People] have approached Highlands East in the past. I think that definitely should be revisited. A condominium company met with Highlands East about building condominiums in Cardiff. I would certainly be interested in inviting more interested builders like that. The Ontario government is talking about expediting the process for building permits etc. I think the rental review people should look at some of their policies and give back some more control to the homeowners. I think that would open up a lot more homes."

Poverty

"We have the food bank. We have the outreach in Highland Grove. So, if you need something, for example, a sofa, it's close. If you can't afford to pay, you don't have to pay. So, as a community, as a whole, they are pitching in to help. But as far as the municipality goes, the only thing I can think of is to encourage people to fill



Cheryl Ellis is running for mayor of Highlands East for the second time. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

the vacant job positions that are available right now."

Shoreline preservation bylaw

"We're not the first place to bring that in. I think it's a good idea. Maybe the 30 metres is a little bit much [The County actually passed the bylaw at 20 metres] but they did the studies and proved it's the best way to go about the shoreline preservation because of the erosion."

Short-term rentals

"The County is looking for feedback from the community and listening. They have not moved forward yet. They're wanting to monitor septic capacities and noise, which is a problem, as is parking. But we do have people monitoring the septic systems, and the cottage associations keep an eye on stuff like that."

She added, "Council and cottage associations should be able to find something that works for both of them."

Asked if she does not think they should be registered and licenced, Ellis said, "my fears about licensing and regulating is how much legality is that going to put on each one of the municipalities? So, we can say it's safe for you to rent that cottage and then something happens in that cottage. What are the legalities that are going to come back on Highlands East?"

Transportation

"I'd look to other municipalities with similar demographics and see what they've attempted. Do the research to see which direction we should go instead of

just jumping in blindly. There's gas tax funding. I've read up on this on-demand service. It sounds like Uber, but it's not Uber."

Vision for the future

"I'd like to see the businesses we have stay because I think they're actually meeting all of our needs. So, as far as bringing any new businesses, we don't need to. I don't believe in moving forward that way. I believe in supporting what we have."

As for the population surge, and dealing with it, she said in part, "tell the cities, you're not gonna' fix your problem by sending people to rural communities."

She added, "I think if we can sustain what we do have right now it will make everything more prosperous."

Asked for her plan for prosperity, she said, "I cannot because that's a problem that starts at the federal level and trickles right down to our level."

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"There needs to be a considerable amount of change in the way council thinks." Asked what she meant, she said, "how they're looking at things. Instead of basically sitting there, policies and everything, start listening to the people and bringing more of that stuff into the council meetings. I just figured there needs to be more conversations between the community members and the council." Asked how she would bring that about, Ellis said, "I would encourage all the councillors to listen to everybody and don't brush them off. If it sounds like something that the rest of us on council need to hear, bring it forward."

Everybody's open to new ideas and let's all explore everything."

She said the biggest challenge is post-COVID recovery.

Cheryl Ellis the candidate

"With human resource management, it's all trained skills that would really be an asset to this position. I know what goes into road maintenance. I was also a volunteer firefighter. I have a feel for how municipalities are run. I have lot of ideas. I would like to see some way to keep our young families in the area. If we keep our young families, we keep our schools, we keep our stores, we keep our towns alive."

Asked how she would do that, she said, "we need more jobs." How would she help create them? "I think we should go back to the old days. Whenever you could, you only hired within the municipality in which you lived. I know it sounds like discrimination, but there's still countries that do it. If you're not a resident there, they're not giving you a job." She would also like to see more incentives for training and transportation. "I don't have experience sitting there and listening and approving and all that, but whenever they start talking finances or grants or legislation, road improvements any of that stuff, I understand a lot. My areas of expertise are more hands-on."

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Respect on the water

Some folks on Lake Kash reached out recently, concerned about wakes from commercial watercraft, particularly those involving wakeboarding and wakesurfing. They said it was great the County had passed a shoreline preservation bylaw, however the focus was on land-based activities and had nothing to do with environmental impacts stemming from the water. In short, they said the boats are driving fast, blaring music, and sending "tsunami" wakes ashore. They claim it's eroding the shoreline, stirring up goose poop sediment, and damaging fish and other waterfowl and their habitats. They say boulders are being washed up, sand and soil eroded, and trees leaning into the lake as their root systems are being swept away. There is also wear and tear on docks. They also say they have to time their lake enjoyment around commercial hours. I went on a little jurisdictional fishing expedition. Dysart et al? Nope, not their responsibility. The County? Sorry, not theirs, either. Various provincial ministries? Can't help you there. Transport Canada? Pay dirt. And while they regulate boat speeds within 30 metres of shorelines, they do not regulate wakes. Dead end. With no apparent hard and fast rules in

place, it all comes down to respect. In chatting with Craig Bowker, who owns Ski-Mazing Watersports School, he said he gets about one complaint every two years. However, he said his operation does very little wakeboarding or wake surfing. They mostly just teach kids to waterski and wakeboard. He said he follows the rules the industry has put in place and has been able to live amicably enough with people on the lake the past 20 years or so. Haliburton Hockey Haven started a new wakeboarding program this year but we've been unable to connect with owner Troy Binnie to get his take on what's been happening. Living in a County of more than 600 lakes means we all have to get along. I personally like non-motorized watercraft. I prefer a kayak and canoe. However, I respect that some of my neighbours like to take a tinnie out fishing, while others prefer pontoon boats. Others still like boats with a bit more grunt, or water skiing, wakeboarding or wake surfing. For others, a jet ski is their choice of ride. For the most part, I find other boaters are respectful when they see my little blue kayak bobbing in the water. They generally slow down, or at least give me time to steer my ride so I face the wake and have a better

chance of not being capsized. I can be a bit judgmental when I see wakes affecting the loons, geese and ducks around me. As Bowker says, no one has a right to monopolize a shared water space. There is nothing stopping a lake association, for example, from reaching out to its commercial and non-commercial operators to try to establish sound ground rules so everybody gets a chance to enjoy our waterways. Tips and suggestions aren't hard to find. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) has been raising awareness about the issue for a couple of years. Along with the Muskoka Lakes Association, and Safe Quiet Lakes, they collaborated on a short video about being #WakeAware. With more and more people coming to the County and building on lakes, rivers and streams, we have to ensure mutual respect going forward. And it isn't just for humans. We need to protect our aqualife and wildlife, and overall environment.



By Lisa Gervais

What are we doing about health care?

By Lisa Gervais

A lot of people think municipal governments have nothing to do with health care in Ontario. While it's true the province oversees much of the jurisdiction, the County and its townships actually have quite a role to play in the field. For example, the County of Haliburton runs the paramedic service locally. They respond to calls in the County and parts of surrounding counties. They employ about 50 primary care paramedics. They operate seven front-line ambulances. They have three bases: in Haliburton, Minden and Tory Hill. They respond to about 4,000 calls per year. Naturally, the province shares in the funding for all of this. On top of that, the County transitioned from having a recruitment committee to hiring a part-time physician recruitment coordinator in 2019. Wendy Welch has been beating the bushes for doctors ever since. To this end, the County provides financial incentives for a return of service for between four and six years. It works out to about \$25,000 per year, up to \$150,000. In 2020, the County expanded this to include emergency room doctors, who commit to full-time practice.

Late last year (2021), the County also leased a property to house visiting physicians on a short-term basis with partial cost recovery. You might have seen the three new billboards around the Highlands, too? The ones with the canoes parked up on a beach and 'staff parking' to entice new physicians. In fact, the County spends about \$210,000 a year on trying to get doctors. They've recruited six in six years. But, is it all enough? Could a new, incoming County council do more? The answer is yes. For example, they could make the recruitment position full-time and provide more staff housing for health care professionals. Former head of EMS, and current County Coun. Pat Kennedy has some ideas. So does his wife, Cheryl Kennedy, who has been involved in physician recruitment in the past. Pat is glad there is now 24/7 paramedic staffing in Tory Hill to better service the eastern part of the county but worries about the northwest. He'd like another 24/7 base and suggests the former Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands. If there was the political will, the County would have to talk to the Ontario Public Service Employees'

Union, which now owns the site. It would also have to pony up more money. Kennedy's also worried that County ambulances are spending a lot of time taking patients to Lindsay and Peterborough for CAT scans. While on the way to and from those hospitals, they are having to respond to 911 calls in other jurisdictions because they are the nearest ambulances. That leaves the County short of ambulances at times. He suggests, and Cheryl agrees, that the only real solution is for the County to lobby the province to get a CAT scan for the Highlands. It's not a stretch since CAO Mike Rutter has also expressed that he would like to see the Highlands have a CAT scan. This would require not just lobbying but some money and possibly kick starting a community fundraising drive. The other prickly issue – and no doubt an elephant in the room – is a made-in-Haliburton solution to the fact we have two hospitals in the County and probably should only have one if serious about housing a CAT scan and attracting health care professionals. It would be interesting to know – if asked point blank – what candidates would say about where one hospital should be located – Haliburton or Minden – and what should be done with the other building?



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EYE ON THE STREET: What will be the biggest impact of Queen Elizabeth's death?

by Mike Baker



David MacGowan

Just getting used to the change of sovereignty. I think it's going to have an impact, but Charles will be a lot better than people think



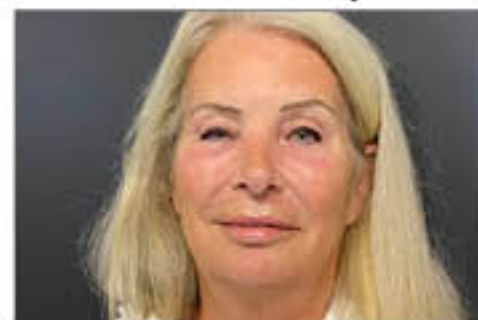
Jim McKelvey

Nobody can replace her, no doubt about that.



Mike Saini

It'll be interesting to see whether the monarchy survives. People liked Elizabeth, I'm not so sure about Charles.



Sherry Townsend

I think this has hit the world pretty hard. She was well liked. It could mean a hard change for the economy in England, but I do wish Charles well.

LETTERS

Bylaw an election issue

Dear editor,

To follow up on the passing of the shoreline preservation bylaw, we'd like to congratulate Pat Kennedy and Andrea Roberts for voting against it.

They are the only councillors who had the courage and integrity to both listen to their constituents and to recognize that the importance of this bylaw suggests it should be an election issue.

At Boshkung Tree Service, we speak to approximately 1,500 different property owners annually, mostly waterfront. We discuss their properties; their tree issues and concerns. In the last three years, since the bylaw has been on the table, that makes about 4,500 waterfront property owners, all in Haliburton County. Not one of the

property owners we spoke with was in favour of the bylaw, certainly not one as severe and overreaching as the one that was passed.

The councillors who voted for this bylaw stated the majority of the people they spoke with were in favour. We beg to differ. It is unlikely that any of the councillors spoke to anywhere close to 4,500 property owners that were in favour of the bylaw.

This bylaw is not a "legacy issue" as stated by some councillors. A councillor represents his/her constituent. When their time as a councillor is over, they should be leaving their municipality/County in a better place, not a worse place.

If you own or rent property in Haliburton County you have an important vote in the upcoming municipal election. Make your voice heard with your vote, since your letters and phone calls to previous councillors did not work

Do your research. Ask the questions. There are many people running for council positions throughout the County who do not agree with the bylaw, definitely as written. Cast your vote accordingly.

John Fedeski & Michele Bromley
Boshkung Tree Service

Good election coverage

Dear editor,

I commend you and your paper for your election coverage plans as described in your latest issue (Sept. 8, 2022).

Elections do matter. With all the very critical issues currently in play, and the large turnover this election cycle, it will be paramount that we clearly understand both

the positions held and the competence of all the candidates.

You have the correct list of key topics. Perhaps consider also adding septic inspections and watershed management where appropriate.

For your information, I am a member of the executive and the webmaster for both the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association (Dysart Ward 2) and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. With both, we do not take political positions, but we do undertake to ensure our members are fully-informed. I look forward to widely sharing the information you acquire and publish.

You have an excellent publication serving an important role. Keep up the good work.

Martin Rist
Dysart et al

CLIMATE CORNER

Feeding the world in a changing climate

Problem: Until 2014, globally, the number of chronically hungry people was falling. This trend reversed by 2019, increasing from 60 million to 690 million. According to the 2021 United Nations annual food security report, 821 million people now face food insecurity.

Climate variability and extreme weather are increasing numbers of climate refugees, poverty, and worsening global inequalities.

Crops grown in hotter climates with higher CO2 grow faster and absorb fewer nutrients, causing protein, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, mostly affecting poor nations where foods aren't fortified. Reduced folate, zinc, and iron affects babies and mothers significantly. Micronutrient deficiencies affect crops like rice. Rice supplies 600 million people half their daily calories and protein.

Human activity (fossil fuel combustion and deforestation) raised atmospheric CO2 concentrations from 280 parts per million during pre-industrial times to 410 ppm today. Agriculture is the main driver of deforestation.

Half the food grown goes to feed farm animals, is burned as biofuels, or is wasted.

Current food produced could feed 10-14 billion, but half the calories farmers grow

go to livestock. Feeding farm animals requires importing feed like soya from South America, where it destroys rainforests. It takes 75 times more energy to produce meat than corn, using 22 per cent of global water consumption.

Forty-two million hectares grows crops burned as biofuels. Crops used for fuel could feed almost half the world's chronically hungry.

A third of the world's food is wasted (1.3 billion tons annually). Food waste releases 3.3 billion tons of CO2 equivalents annually, with economic cost close to \$1 trillion (UN).

Losing diversity in crop species and fewer independent farmers makes our food systems vulnerable. Any political or weather event causes disruption, with no backups. Wheat, rice, maize and soybeans account for 60 per cent of calories grown. Four companies control 99 per cent of the global chicken-breeding market. Four firms run 75 per cent of the world's corporate abattoirs and beef packing plants. Less flexibility in foods and farms makes us globally vulnerable to plant diseases, wars, extreme weather crop losses and transportation mishaps (for example what happened in the Suez Canal in March 2021). Fifty five percent of cereals and soybean are shipped through at least one of

seven "chokepoints."

Solutions: Producing enough food for everyone depends on climate adaptation. Farmers will rely on new technologies and science to accommodate for extreme weather.

Growing Underground in the UK grows food in Second World War bomb shelters. Cycloponics in France turned abandoned urban underground spaces (parking lots, bunkers) into farms. Abandoned mines are growing foods around the world.

Sundrop Farms in Australia uses solar power and desalinated seawater to grow indoors, producing 15 per cent of Australia's tomatoes.

Regenerative agriculture and permaculture are techniques that replenish soils' resiliency and health. Perennial crops also effectively improve soil sustainability.

Farmers are replanting trees between fields to regenerate soil health.

Cities like Copenhagen, Adelaide and Ottawa are planting fruit trees in the streets.

High tech "precision agriculture" uses computers, robots, drones, GPS and sensors to maximize yield on small plots. Nanotechnologies improve how fertilizers and pesticides are released, reducing chemical emissions and runoff.

Non-meat sources of proteins reduce the

impact of livestock and traditional grazing animals. Precision fermentation is an example.

Organizations like DC Central Kitchen and Forgotten Harvest collect food waste from stores, farms and restaurants, turn it into meals and distribute it to emergency food providers, shelters, and non-profits.

What you can do:

- Reduce food waste at home and work.
- Compost or invest in a household food waste disposer.
- Grow your own (indoors or in multi-season greenhouses).
- Buy local, in season.
- Reduce meat consumption to help stop deforestation and methane greenhouse gases.
- Join or start a community garden.
- Research Soil Health Institute for ways to advance soil health.
- Pick and process fallen fruit from trees for processing or sharing.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editor's note: Minden Hills ratepayers will elect two councillors in Ward one. Four people are vying for the job.

Bradley ready to serve the public in Minden Hills

By Sam Gillett

Qualifications

Bradley worked in labour negotiations and mediations. He said being on council requires similar skills. "My answer to a problem is not no, it's how are we going to solve this problem? And how are we going to solve it if it's something that has to go before council? How are we going to actually have a majority of council support something? So, it's about building bridges, it's not about building fences." He unsuccessfully ran for council in 2018.

Amalgamation

"I'd rather see, first, amalgamation of as many services...shuffling the money around in a way that makes it most efficient. For example, there are three levels of snow plowing, there's municipal, County, and contracted highway. So, there are three teams of snowplow hours. I'm not sure that's the most efficient way to do it."

Township staff are currently working to implement certain recommendations in a service delivery review conducted by StrategyCorp.

Health

"The bottom line is [two hospitals are] here. This is a provincial thing. And you know, tell Laurie Scott and Jamie Schmale and all of the upper levels of government, neither of those two ER's is up for discussion unless you want to build a Haliburton County emergency room and, if they do, we'll find out where you're going to do it, make sure it's central and make sure it's funded."

Housing

He said he'd support donating land for housing projects, and collaborating with the province to pave the way for more housing. He said he'd want affordable housing to be centrally located.

"Even two people working two jobs can't afford to rent a whole lot of places around here."

Poverty

He said improving wireless connections would encourage companies to set up base in Minden Hills and provide better paying jobs. "I think the council has a role, whether it's tourism, in shining a light on the fact that this is a beautiful place to be and live."



Ward 1 candidate Richard Bradley. Photo by Sam Gillett

Shoreline preservation bylaw

He said he supports the bylaw, but that he's curious about how it will be enforced, and what exemptions will be honoured. "As long as it is seen to be reasonable and fair to people who are building, modifying, or even developing new lands, it's going to be fine."

The new bylaw spells out that new staff will be responsible for enforcement of the bylaw at a County level, and specifies what activities are exempt.

Short-term rentals

"It's not new, the fact that people have rented their place for a week a year because they've been offsetting the expenses of having a property. It's just new that you can do it on the internet." He supports regulating but not "to the point of stifling" short-term rentals.

Transportation

He said he likes the idea of public transportation in Haliburton County.

He said people who may use the service should have a say in the routes and the price should be aimed at lower-income people.

"There's no point in having a bus people can't afford."

Vision for the future

He said he'd like to see downtown "rejuvenation", which might mean community safety zones, or more lines painted on parking spots.

He said he'd like to see the township take an active role in deciding what to do with vacant land. He said he'd like to engage business owners and downtown residents. "How are we going to make this downtown a place where people want to be from eight in the morning, Monday morning, till eight in the evening, Sunday night?"

Minden Hills

He said addressing roads is a main focus for the municipality, and "going back to core services a municipality can control." He said tax increases are a must in order to finance road improvements and suggested using reserve funds in order to do so. He also said raising taxes more could be difficult due to the current high rate of inflation.

Richard Bradley the candidate

"When I talk to people, when people say what is your platform, my platform is to be your voice... To advocate for your needs, whether it's your roads, whatever it may be. And, again, it comes down to our community's need." He gave the example of Bob Lake's boat launch. "Bob Lake needs a boat launch, somehow, some way. And I'm not saying I have the answer. I'm saying I need the answer from them so we can get it done. Because how can you have a lake without a public boat launch?"

He said being proactive is his primary goal.

"I worked pretty much my whole career in labour negotiations, certainly have learned about arbitration and litigation when required, but it's not what I prefer, but I am now retired, I'm here full-time, I was lucky enough to buy the family cottage, where I live, and where I will draw my last breath. I've been married for 36 years, I have four kids and two grandchildren. And I think it's just my time, hopefully to give back now that I have more time. And I want to listen to people and help them with their encounters with municipal government and make positive changes where that's possible. And reasonable."



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Grozelle wants public to be able to trust council

By Sam Gillett

Qualifications

Mike Grozelle runs his own construction business. He was an executive for the Royal Canadian Legion in Kinmount for six years, and also worked as a firefighter training officer and licensed mechanic. "I'm aware of the issues surrounding planning and building... I drive on these roads, we pay tax dollars here, I have lots of friends and family and I talk to a lot of people in the area." He unsuccessfully ran for council in Ward 2 in 2018.

Amalgamation

He said he heard amalgamation is "well in motion" in Haliburton County. "I want to know how the people of Minden are going to benefit from having just the one level [of government] so if it's cheaper to run at one level, then we'll take a look at that. Right now, I think we have bigger issues to deal with just here in town." [Haliburton County is not in the process of amalgamating, however, specific township services are enhancing collaboration efforts to unify service delivery.]

Health

He said amalgamating Haliburton County hospitals would mean too much travel time for patients to receive care, and doesn't think it's a good idea. He added that Minden Hills and the County should look at new ways of attracting nurses and staff to work in the Highlands.

Housing

Grozelle was on an affordable housing committee. He said there is provincial money available to finance housing projects, but it's difficult to access or negotiate. He said the County or Minden Hills could look at purchasing land that could be developed. On the question of balancing ecosystem preservation with housing, Grozelle said it's worth sacrificing certain environmentally-protected areas if there is a high return on housing options.

Poverty

He said bringing new businesses to Minden is key to increasing prosperity. He said council's role is to make it easier to develop new businesses. Specifically, he said this could mean encouraging



Mike Grozelle is a candidate for Minden Hills ward 2. Photo by Sam Gillett.

the planning department to devote staff members to speed up business developments. He said that process could start by having an independent review of why certain planning files have taken so long to get processed, such as the Rockcliffe.

Shoreline preservation bylaw

"I don't think it's clear enough what you can and cannot do." When asked to specify, Grozelle said he's worried neighbours will end up calling enforcement officers on neighbours even when they're not breaking the rules, for example cutting down dead trees. "I don't think we have to hire bylaw enforcement officers. I think we just need to educate them and most people... they want to comply with the rules."

Short-term rentals

He said property owners should be responsible for controlling noise and other issues surrounding their short-term rentals. According to Grozelle, cottage rentals likely aren't the reason long-term rental

options are so hard to find since cottages are also used by their full-time owners.

Transportation

"There has to be something but I'm not sure that we have to do it at the municipal or County level, the problem being I don't think the ridership is there. So, it would have to be funded by us almost completely." He said there are "far bigger" issues the township must deal with.

Vision for the future

He said he wants "people to trust us again." He said bringing new industries to town is a must in order to keep Minden Hills' population from dwindling. He said the first step in streamlining processes in order to attract new businesses would be talking to staff to find out what issues can be solved. Grozelle said he believes councillors are currently not allowed to speak with staff. He has not asked councillors or staff if that's true.

Minden Hills

He wants to see people trust Minden

Hills council. He believes there is a lack of transparency around some financial decisions, such as a Wessel Road cattle grate, which was quoted at more than \$250,000, but ended up costing around \$45,000. Staff delivered a public report on why the grate ended up costing a quarter of the price in spring 2022. Grozelle said that's an example of when Minden Hills should award tenders to local businesses. "I want to make sure the taxpayers know what we're spending the money on, where the money is coming from, and why we're spending it. I want to see those jobs awarded to people here." He did not specify how he'd communicate capital spending to taxpayers differently than Minden Hills' 2022 budget did.

Mike Grozelle the candidate

"The heart of the campaign is getting transparent and gaining the trust back. That, to me, are the two main things. If we're going to make a decision as council, everybody in town should know what it is and why we voted the way we did." He said he has fresh ideas about bringing new businesses and people to Minden Hills.



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Ingram thinks tiny homes can bolster housing stock

By Sam Gillett

Qualifications

Ingram served as parks manager, arena attendant, water and sewage worker and environmental property operations manager in Minden Hills until 2019. He said he learned how to balance spending public money with completing new projects. "Council allowed me throughout the years, through my budgets and grants and other initiatives, to go ahead and do those projects. And we've done a lot."

Amalgamation

He said some services, such as roads and bylaw, could be combined, but is hesitant about amalgamating governments. "I really don't like the idea of a County council as I feel the public's input will be lessened, they won't be able to speak out as much. It would mean more work for County-level councillors, which means I would say probably with amalgamation you're going to see increases in councillors' and mayors' wages."

Health

He said he likes the current system of two hospitals. He said Minden Hills has a doctor shortage. "It's definitely an issue we need to talk about. I know because I've hit [the ER] a few times over the years. You wouldn't believe how many people are coming from Lindsay and further out because our emergency room is so fast... I know that at a funding level, it puts us at a disadvantage because we're dealing with people that aren't actually living here."

Housing

"I'm only one person, but I can certainly bring the thoughts to the table. I like the idea of small homes. They're affordable. Again, they just need to be regulated." He said Minden Hills needs provincial help to regulate and increase housing stock.

Poverty

He said housing and short-term rentals both intersect with discussions about poverty. "We have to bring ideas to the table, like small homes, like encouraging people that have cottages to adapt them for apartments. I know a lot of people



Ivan Ingram is a candidate for ward 1 in Minden Hills. Submitted.

in town who have basements that are completely empty." He said he'd support changing zoning bylaws to encourage secondary suites.

Shoreline preservation bylaw

He said he supports the bylaw as it stands but said there's room for improvement. "I don't think it's done. I think we need to spend a little time on enforcement to get some idea of what we're looking at and what's happening." The bylaw outlines plans for multiple new staff to conduct enforcement operations and process applications.

Short-term rentals

He acknowledges short-term rentals are important to homeowners but said they could be taking housing from long-term residents. "I'm all for them if they're regulated. The problem I have is a lot of these short-term rentals are renting them out without the awareness that there are maybe 10 or 15 or 20 people coming to that residence." He said he's

also concerned about the impact on septic systems.

Vision for the future

He said he sees the town growing more in future years, and sees housing remain a concern.

"I want Minden to be a place that people want to come and visit and stay, use the local amenities, support local business." Ingram said he'd like to see the Minden BIA re-formed and have council representation, and maybe open up online surveys to solicit community wishes for the downtown. He said he'd like to see more sidewalk sales and other special events.

"I really don't know what the single answer is to help these people [downtown]. Again, if you make the downtown more accessible and more inviting, people are going to come there, no matter whether there's a Dairy Queen out on the bypass and liquor or beer store, they're still going to come in and want to walk [by the river] and interact with the local people. These businesses depend on them."

Minden Hills

He said multiple projects in Minden Hills need attention, such as the water system. He said he does not support using debentures for capital projects, as Minden Hills did with the arena and multiple ongoing road reconstructions. However, he said the work needs to be done, even if it means a rise in taxes. "I don't think avoiding it is the answer." He said he feels like Minden Hills can be "more aggressive" with the province for more funding for projects like waterworks.

Ivan Ingram the candidate

"I think if you talk to anybody I dealt with, in the 31 years I worked [at the township]... they'd be quite happy with what they received from me or what I did for them. I'm not bragging but that's what I was paid to do... This town has allowed me to buy a home. It's allowed me to live here. It paid my wages. I want to give back... I want to help the town grow. I want this County on the map again. And we're just not doing it right now."



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Minden roads a primary concern for Johannessen

By Sam Gillett

Qualifications

"I'm a people person. I love people, I can talk to anybody, anywhere. I'm not afraid to do that. I've owned a business. I've rented. I've been a landlord. I've worked in the restaurant business for years. I just feel for the people and want to make Minden the best as we all can."

Amalgamation

"I like [the County and municipal structure] the way it is at the moment. So, I'm not sure. I've had people say that they don't want it. But it's something I would have to talk to somebody that's more educated than I am on this."

Health

She said healthcare issues are related to a labour shortage that is prevalent everywhere, including local businesses. "One year we had a lot of kids, but they seem to go back to university and not come back home. There just isn't anybody looking, wanting to work? I'm not sure what they're doing. That's again something I would have to sit down and really talk to somebody about that has education on this."

Housing

She said she favours working with builders to increase housing by adding flexibility to housing options. "Our town is getting bigger. There are lots of people and it seems that people are leaving and coming back, but they don't have anywhere to go." She added that long waitlists for housing provide difficulties. "That's a long time and people are living in tents and trailers that aren't equipped for winterizing and stuff. I hope that things can get better."

Poverty

She said she's been researching the issue and local organizations seeking to address poverty. "If we can maybe do more fundraising to donate to them, or to other causes." She said she favours improving education tools and gave examples of fundraising through public art, or relaxing rules around farming on private properties. "It's really sad to see people living in



Shirley Johannessen is a candidate for ward 1 in Minden Hills. Submitted.

tents or not being able to afford food because they need heat or stuff like that. So, hopefully we can rise up and do better things all together as a community."

Shoreline preservation bylaw

She said she understands the opposition to the bylaw but said lake and fish health are a priority. "I've seen a couple of places where I live in [that have degraded shorelines] and it doesn't look as nice as it used to. So, I believe that it should be kept, to a certain point, natural."

Short-term rentals

She said short-term rentals "give people a place to go and maybe help the landlord or the owner," but said she doesn't support increased regulations as long as renters are abiding by existing rules and not discarding garbage on roads or letting off excessive fireworks, for example.

Transportation

"When I had a business, it was in Algonquin Highlands, and it was hard for people to get to work if they didn't have transportation." She said she heard ideas about using school buses for public transportation. "It's something that I would have to learn." She said she could imagine supporting a County-wide transport system, but said rentals and affordable living pose a big concern too.

Vision for the future

"I'd like to keep some of our history here. Again, just be here for the people and continue with what's going on, but better things. I think some things have gotten lost over the years and like to bring things back." She specified things that have gotten lost include roads, communication surrounding the arena construction and issues with the landfill.

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Johannessen said roads are a chief concern, as well as boat launches such as the currently non-existent launch on

Bob Lake or the currently closed Minden village boardwalk. "People come into town to use it when they come to visit and that's supposed to be a highlight and [they're] not able to use it." She did not provide details on alternative funding models or budget changes which could finance these projects.

"Again, that's something I would need more education on. What I've heard is the roads seem to be a tough thing for people. I'm not sure, we can probably cut back a little bit on something, but I don't know if that's the answer."

Shirley Johannessen the candidate

"Obviously, this will be a new venture for me and no, it's not an easy one. I want to be the voice and help people out and communicate with people and work together as a town and as a team and keep going for our town that we love so much.... This is where I've chosen to continue to live and work and I've just had so many people come forward, especially when they saw my name, and thought that I would be good because they know I can talk to people and that I care."

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Moxie finds some new library friends

The Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library welcomed local author Jennifer Semach Sept. 10 for a special reading of her book *Moxie Moose Finds a Tail*. She told children in attendance about Moxie's adventures, before explaining the work she does at Walkabout Farms. A registered non-profit, Walkabout is a fully inclusive therapeutic riding, equine-assisted learning and youth outreach initiative designated for children and adults with unique considerations, socioeconomic isolation, mental health concerns and disabilities. Semach has been providing programming at the farm, located on Spring Valley Road, free of charge since 2018. (Mike Baker).

Semach shows off some of the book's illustrations to excited five-year-old Holly Carpenter. Photo by Mike Baker.

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Covers 'essential' to extend a boat's lifespan

By Mike Baker

It's been a busy summer for Ang Thompson, who has helped bring a new line of business to Haliburton Marine and Storage.

The company, celebrating its ninth anniversary this year, has started offering boat cover services. Owner Pat Bradley said "it just made sense" to launch the new line after seeing demand spike in recent years.

"This has been something I've wanted to introduce for a long time now, to make Haliburton Marine and Storage a full-service operation for people with boats," Bradley said. "We provide storage during the winter – up to almost 400 boats now – and can take care of mechanical problems... But covers have been a bit of a gap for us."

He explored bringing someone in in early 2020, but the idea was shelved when the pandemic hit. Fast forward to fall 2022 and Bradley wanted to get things going again. He had the perfect person in mind to lead the operation – Thompson, who had been working seasonally with the company.

She travelled to Ohio in January to complete a two-week course on how to make custom boat covers. Since returning to Haliburton, she has completed 26 boat cover projects, with several more pencilled in for the winter.

"You wouldn't think it, but there's a lot that goes into designing a cover for a boat. It always starts with measuring, and you have to be so precise with that – even being

an inch out can really mess you up later on," Thompson said. "Then we move onto working with the fabric. We use Sunbrella because it's top-of-the-line stuff and is really durable."

Bradley added, "Sunbrella is not the cheapest, but it's worth the money. When we take on a project, we want to do it right, so we'll only use the best materials."

Thompson estimates it takes her two to three days to complete a project. Bigger boats can take longer, with a cover for a 22-foot pontoon boat taking her almost a week to complete this summer. All work is custom made to the boat and completed on-site at Thompson's workshop on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton.

Having a fitted cover can add years to a boat's life, Thompson said, noting they're more of a need than a want for people who get out on the water regularly.

"Boats can take a bit of a beating from the sun, rain and water... If left uncovered, after a year mould is going to start getting into the upholstery and once that happens, threads rip and you can be left with big holes in your seats," Thompson said. "Plus, with the sun beating down, parts of the interior of the boat can become very brittle and cracks can form. You can rot your whole floor out."

"It's far more worth it to get a cover on your boat then to let it die a slow death," she said.

For more information, visit haliburtonmarine.com, or call 705-457-1128.



Ang Thompson leads the new boat covers department at Haliburton Storage and Marine. Photo by Mike Baker.

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Famous red doors open to creative futures

By Sam Gillett

"I came to Fleming because I decided to be a professional potter," said Ursula Miller-Gareri, standing outside the Haliburton School of Art + Design's pottery workshop.

"This was the best and safest way I could figure out how to run a ceramic studio without having to take a four-year degree," she said.

Miller-Gareri was one of dozens of students who dropped by the college's student services fair Sept. 13 as they settled into life in Haliburton.

Classes officially began after Labour Day. Students are enrolled in creative disciplines such as glassblowing, fibre arts and blacksmithing.

Miller-Gareri decided to pursue her dream of ceramic arts after the passing of a close friend.

"He was an amazing human being who was always striving to better himself. He was always very positive," she said. "I figured out when he passed away that the best way I could honour him would be to do something amazing for myself. So, I decided to follow my dream of becoming a potter and come here."

Returning student Zenon Bigg also dropped by the fair. He said he's enjoyed living in Haliburton so far. Last semester, he said finding housing in the area was "a bit stressful... but I had it set up for this semester."

Scott Michael Walling, who works at HSAD, was on hand to greet students and hand out swag.

"It's really nice to watch the star-struck faces of everyone walking in and looking up to see the ceilings and the beautiful architecture... just realizing this is a small nice campus they can feel comfortable in."

For the first time since 2019, the school is kicking off a semester without social



Andrea Lynch tosses a ring in return for a prize at HSAD's Student Services Fair. Photo by Sam Gillett.

distancing protocols, mandatory masking, or vaccination policies.

"We are excited to welcome new and returning students back in-person at all of our Fleming College campuses for the first

time since the COVID-19 pandemic began," said executive vice president of academic and student experience Sandra Dupret in an email. "The Haliburton School of Art + Design is returning to its creative and

spirited environment and we are very pleased to feel the energy and excitement students bring while they are on campus and in the community."

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Top: The 2022/23 Haliburton County Huskies roster is unveiled to the crowd ahead of Saturday's season-opening game with the Cobourg Cougars. Bottom left: Returning forward Cameron Kosurko brings the puck into the offensive zone. Bottom right: Huskies' ownership Paul Wilson, second left, and Brad Townsend, second right, join team captains George Krotiris and Christian Stevens on the ice for a ceremonial puck drop. Photos by Mike Baker.

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Huskies top conference after perfect start to season

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies made a huge statement during the opening weekend of the 2022/23 OJHL season, putting two rival teams to the sword and climbing to the top of the South/East Conference standings.

The Dogs got off to the perfect start Sept. 10 with a dominant 5-2 home win over the Cobourg Cougars, following up with a 5-3 road victory over the St. Michael's Buzzers Sept. 11. Coach Ryan Ramsay was delighted to get four points on the board early and commended his new-look team for the way they approached the games.

"I'm happy to see things come together the way they did. We started a little slow [against the Cougars] but the guys managed to turn it around, played hard on the forecheck, moved the puck quickly and started to play Huskies hockey," Ramsay said. "We knew we had a strong core coming into this season, but it was still great to see a lot of the new guys stepping up and playing well. The returning guys led by example. There were a lot of positives to take away."

It was a packed house at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for Saturday's tilt with the Cougars – a rematch from last season's second-round playoff series. The Huskies quickly put the ghosts of that defeat behind them, taking the game to the visiting team in the early goings of the first. The top line of Patrick Saini, former OHL'er Ty Collins and captain Christian Stevens saw lots of time, helping the hometown team take control.

It was a new face that opened the scoring, Alex Cunningham slotting home at 18:13, assisted by Lucas Stevenson and Myles Perry. The Cougars responded well to falling behind and, with the clock ticking down, tied the game with 14 seconds remaining in the period, through Tyler Hunt.

The Huskies picked things up in the second frame. They peppered Matthew Sbrocca in the Cougars' goal, notching three quick goals late in the period through rookie Leo Serlin, Collins and Stevens.

They kept things going in the third but struggled to find an answer for a game Sbrocca. Hunt gave the Cougars a glimmer of hope, notching his second at 15:57 on a two-man advantage, but the Huskies held on. Stevens added a late empty-netter, giving him a three-point night.

"Couldn't have asked for a better night. I think we showed how dangerous we can be with our speed, and we have scoring right through the roster – it was a big night for Leo, he's only 16 so to get his first goal on his debut was really special," Stevens said.

Winning in the big city

Saini made a statement in Sunday's 5-3 win over the Buzzers, notching his second career OJHL hat-trick.

Two quickfire goals from Perry and Collins gave the Huskies a 2-0 lead heading into the first intermission, with Saini adding a third at the midway point of the second period.



Defenceman Will Gourgouvelis celebrates a 5-2 opening night win with goaltender Christian Linton. Photo by Mike Baker.

The Buzzers immediately hit back through Brandon Cohen, before Saini potted his second. Matthew Milic and Bryce Sutherland got on the scoresheet to make it a one-goal game, with Saini completing his hat-trick with an empty-netter in the final minute.

Stevens felt it was important to make a strong impression over the opening weekend, with the Huskies among this year's favourites

for the Dudley Hewitt Cup. The hometown side was ranked in the top five teams nationwide by the Canadian Junior Hockey League last week.

The Huskies will return to action Sept. 16 on the road against the Lindsay Muskies before hosting the Buzzers in Minden Sept. 17. Puck drop at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is 4 p.m.

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Members of the public wishing to participate and make comments/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing disson@mindenhills.ca by Friday September 23rd before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022069, PLMV2022070, and PLMV2022071 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning Bylaw pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2022069 - Part Lot 21, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Lutterworth municipally known as 1014 Constable Lane and located on Gull Lake (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning Bylaw 06-10, as amended, to permit the upper storey of an existing detached garage to be used as a sleeping cabin. The effect of the application would be to permit a floor area of 78 square metres (839 square feet) for the sleeping cabin, together with permitted attached decks and balconies to be 16.72 square metres (180 square feet) in area; whereas a maximum area of 35 square metres (376 square feet) for the sleeping cabin and 15 square metres (161 square feet) for balconies and decks attached to a sleeping cabin is otherwise permitted.

PLMV2022070 - Part Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden municipally known as 1166 Paterson Road and located on Little Bushkung Lake (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning Bylaw 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 54 square metres (581 square foot) one-storey dwelling with 27.9 square metres (300 square feet) of attached lakeside decks with a new one and a half storey 72.5 square metres (780 square feet) dwelling with 32 square metres (345 square feet) of attached lakeside decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.12 metres (10.2 feet) and an increase in area of 34.3% for the dwelling, together with an increase in lot coverage to 30.6%, for a building located within 15 metres of the high water mark, whereas no size or height increase is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit new deficient side yards of 2.95 metres (9.6 feet) where 4.5 metres (15 feet) is otherwise required.

PLMV2022071 - Part Lot 11, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon municipally known as 1008 Canfrore Drive and located on Canning Lake (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning Bylaw 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 84.7 square metres (912 square foot) one storey cottage with 29.7 square metres (320 square feet) of attached decks, with a new 147.2 square metres (1,584 square foot) two storey cottage with 29.7 square metres (320 square feet) of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.5 metres (11.5 feet) and to permit an increase in area of 73.7%, whereas only an increase in height of 1.2 metres (3.9 feet) and an increase in area of 25% is otherwise permitted.

Additional information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.


Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

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For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278
Amanda Dougherty, Township Planning Consultant, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2021037: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front 1053 Sandy Bay Road located within Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
2. File No. PLSRA2021091: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1065 Hidden Valley Lane located within Lot 25, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden
3. File No. PLSRA2021092: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1075 Hidden Valley Lane located within Lot 25, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden
4. File No. PLSRA2022007: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Brady Lake, lying in front of vacant lands having Roll Number 4616-020-000-03600 located within Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Hindon
5. File No. PLSRA2022028: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1069 Century Lane located within Lot 7, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
6. File No. PLSRA2022032: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of 1059 Whispering Pines Trail located within Lot 6, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon.
7. File No. PLSRA2021077: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front of 1362 Wessell Road located within Lot 23, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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The HKPR district health unit currently has no vaccine clinics in Haliburton County. File

Health unit encourages bivalent vaccines

By Sam Gillett

A new vaccine targeting the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is available for at-risk people in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Pine Ridge District Health Unit announced Sept. 12 that people aged 18 and older can book a dose of the bivalent COVID-19 booster through the provincial booking portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900.

A bivalent COVID-19 booster targets both the original strain of COVID-19 and the new Omicron variant, which has become the dominant kind of COVID-19 spreading around the world.

As of Sept. 14, only the following populations can book a shot, with more availability incoming:

- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, elder care lodges and individuals living in other congregate settings

that provide assisted-living and health services.

- First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over.

- Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and over.

- Pregnant individuals aged 18 and over.
- Health care workers aged 18 and over.
- Individuals aged 70 and over.

"I would like to encourage all residents aged 18 and over to receive the bivalent booster dose as recommended by the Ministry of Health," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for the HKPR district health unit.

"We know that vaccine protection decreases over time, and now is the time to better protect yourself for the upcoming fall season with the bivalent booster."

The health unit currently doesn't have

vaccine clinics located in Haliburton County. Clinic dates and locations include:

Sept 13, 15, 21, 23: Lindsay office (108 Angeline St. S., Lindsay), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only.

Sept 19, 20, 26, 27: Knights of Columbus Community Centre (232 Spencer St. E., Cobourg), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only.

Sept 28 and 29: Lindsay Exhibition Centre (354 Angeline St. N., Lindsay), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment only.

The HKPR said the bivalent booster dose will also be available through pharmacies beginning Sept. 19, 2022.

"Individuals are recommended to receive the bivalent booster at an interval of at least six months from their previous dose (and are eligible to receive the bivalent booster at a minimum interval of three months), regardless of how many boosters they have already received," the health unit said.

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Some of the Highlands' Ontario 55+ Games athletes: Frank Ferris, Sharon Ferris, Larry Baadsvik, Joan Heath, Michael Thorne, Jane Symons, Jennifer Coates and Maureen Hexesi. Absent: Robert Pearce, Phil Harknett, Stephen Phinney. (Submitted)

Highlands athletes bring hardware home

By Sam Gillett

Frank and Sharon Ferris didn't expect to get on the podium when they competed in Peterborough's Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

But after the couple qualified and competed in the Canada 55+ games in Kamloops last week, they're amongst the crew bringing national hardware back to the Highlands.

Frank Ferris won gold in the 1,000m walk and silver in the 400m walk. Sharon Ferris won bronze in the 1,000m walk and 400m walk. Jane Symons was fifth in the 1,000m walk and 11th in the 400m walk. In pickleball, Mike Johnson placed fourth and won silver in mixed 70+. In golf, Robert Pearce won bronze in the 70+ low gross flight category and Harold McInerney placed fourth.

"It's about meeting new people, just the experience of it. We're trying to stay active," Frank said.

Each year, around 2,500 participants compete in 26 different events. "The games offer opportunities for enrichment, fulfillment and improved quality of life provided by participation in a broad variety of athletic, recreational and social events," states the games' website. "Although the very nature of the games is to declare a winner, or winners, the aspect of winning is secondary to the social side related to reuniting with friends from games' past."

District 11 spokesperson Mary Johnson said in an email, "I do believe that District 11 participants represented us well. So proud of them."

Peterborough results

Before the Kamloops tournament, District 11 received seven medals at the 2022 Peterborough Ontario Summer Games Aug. 9-11.

Frank Ferris won gold in the walking 75+ age group, Sharon Ferris won silver in the nordic pole walking 55+ group, Jane Symons won silver in the walking 55+ age group, Robert Pearce won gold in the golf 75+ age group, Larry Baadsvik won silver in bowling and Phil Harknett picked up bronze in pickleball with partner Stephen Phinney.

The District 11 association of athletes is in need of new executive board members. Email maryejohnson42@gmail.com to get involved.



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Listening sessions meet need to be heard

By Sam Gillett

When talking about suffering, language matters, said Tom Regehr.

"If you say substance abuse, we're going to make fun of you."

Regehr's job, backed by a group of social service providers in Haliburton County, is all about talking.

He's starting up casual listening sessions across the County, where anyone who's felt "othered" by social services can meet to chat.

"Everything we do is about 'come and sit together.' It's about human contact."

Regehr said many who are dealing with mental health issues, addiction or homelessness, often feel like traditional methods of getting help aren't for them.

Regehr himself grew dependent on alcohol and experienced homelessness in his 30s after a childhood exposed to mental health issues.

"It felt that whatever I emotionally invested in was taken from me. That went through relationships and future jobs and friends. I ended up pushing everybody away," he said.

When suffering in that way, he said, he felt like doctors and social workers "don't listen to people like me."

Whenever Regehr talks about the people he's trying to meet, and trying to chat with, he uses the word "we," and never "them". He counts himself amongst those let down by systems, or made to feel like his voice didn't matter.

"That literally feels like a kick in the gut," he said.

Throughout the years since, Regehr got help. He went to rehab, therapy and then started turning the focus back on helping others.

He's consulted municipalities, and hosted panels and listening sessions with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

"One of things we're missing," he said, talking about the role of social services, "is listening to the people we're trying to serve."

He said groups such as Point in Time or the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge, District Health Unit have hired him to listen.

"What they want to do is learn what's going on in the hearts and minds of the folks to help serve them and help them heal. They want to do a better job with taxpayer money to reduce suffering," he said.

Marg Cox, with Point in Time Family Services, said she met with a collection of other people who work in Haliburton county's social services in 2021 after noticing an uptick in issues surrounding addiction, or overdoses related to toxic supplies of opioids.

"We approached it through the mindset of 'nothing about us without us,'" Cox said, meaning that they wanted people who were going through the challenges to determine what help would be offered.

That's why Regehr was a good fit, she said.

"He's really effective in getting the living experts, and supporting them," she said.

"I'm looking for a collaboration to be established between some people who are living experts and service providers to work together to improve the lives of people with



Tom Regehr will be hanging out around Haliburton often in the coming months. Submitted.

substance use and mental health issues and their families."

Regehr's work is funded by the group of service providers, which includes the local health unit.

Regehr said "what's happening in Haliburton County with a lack of services within four townships is unique... what's happening with income disparity is unique.

What else is unique is there's a critical cluster of good people who care about humans and is doing good work," he said.

Regehr will be in Haliburton every two weeks hosting listening sessions at various locations to offer "that deep human need to feel heard."

He can be reached at regehr@cast-canada.ca or by phone or text at 705-749-6145

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Not all gas and oil at this year's Corduroy Enduro

By Lisa Gervais

The 68th Corduroy Enduro returns to Gooderham Sept. 22-25 with a new electric enduro race and an eMountain bike race.

Michele Bell of Bellistic Films said, "we have a record number of riders this year."

Some of the highlights include the demo rides on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with six major motorcycle manufacturers taking part, vintage day on Friday with a race and show and shine for the older motorcycles, the final MX test on Sunday afternoon at the community centre, and, new for this year, an electric mountain bike race and an electric enduro bike race on Friday.

Considered by some to be Canada's toughest national motorcycle enduro race, the four-day event is about more than just racing.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday are "super demo days" where licensed riders are welcome to try out the latest 2023 manufacturer models of off-road motorcycles on a closed course loop. Bell said there would be more than 10 manufacturers of off-road motorcycles, as well as electric off-road bikes.

Friday is vintage day, featuring a vintage GP race, "where riders bring out their old treasures to race in one of five categories," Bell said. There'll also be the vintage bike show and shine where bikes are displayed and compete for prizes.

"New for 2022 are the eMountain bike races (pedal assist mountain bikes) and the electric motorcycle enduro races, both taking



A competitor in a past Corduroy Enduro. File.

place Thursday morning," Bell said.

The actual enduro goes Saturday and Sunday "where riders face a number of timed sections each day designed to challenge both themselves and their machines," Bell

added. It's a staged rally event with time test sections using off-road trails connected by transit sections where riders will make their way to the next test section. The loops will start and end at the Robert McCausland

Memorial Community Centre in Gooderham.

The 2022 prize purse is \$11,500. Daily start times are 10 a.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information go to corduroyenduro.ca



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Left to right: Mike Thomas, Jarrett Thomas, Mark Ritcey and Grace Ritcey (youngest golfer age 11). Submitted photo.



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Sept. 19

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Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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Sept. 17, 2 p.m.

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Sept. 22-25

The Corduroy Enduro Event, to be held out of Gooderham, is back this year with a record number of riders. Some of the highlights include the demo rides on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with six major motorcycle manufacturers taking part; vintage day on Friday with a race and show and shine for the older motorcycle; the final MX test on Sunday afternoon at the community centre; and new for this year an electric mountain bike race, and an electric enduro bike race on Friday.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Haliburton County Public Library Requires an Administrative Support Coordinator

This full-time position is responsible for providing support to administration and branch staff, and excellent frontline customer service to all members of the public.

Successful candidates will have a secondary school diploma and two years of related experience, preferably in a library environment. The wage range for this position is \$24.37 - \$28.25 and includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension plan and employer paid extended health benefits.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than September 23, 2022, at 4:30pm.

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Haliburton County Paramedic Service Requires a Deputy Chief - Quality Assurance & Education

Reporting to the Chief/Director of Paramedic Service, this position is responsible for monitoring service levels, identifying trends in ACR data, designing training materials and ensuring the efficient utilization of human, physical and financial resources.

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- Work independently
- You are a team player
- Able to work nights, evenings, and weekends
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Citizen Appointments to County Advisory Committees and Boards

The County of Haliburton benefits from the involvement of local residents who help County Council make decisions about the programs and services provided to our citizens. Applicants for this position must be:

- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian Citizen
- A resident of Haliburton County

Haliburton County Library Board
As a Board Member you will be an advocate of the library's impact on the community and be prepared to take an active and responsible role in the governance and policymaking of the Board.

Joint Accessibility Committee
The County of Haliburton benefits from the inclusion of perspectives of those who live with, or who support those who live with, accessibility requirements in its program and service delivery decision-making.

You can find the detailed posting along with application instructions on our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers

If you require assistance with the application process please contact Sarah Hume, Human Resources Manager at 705-286-1333 x 224 or at shume@haliburtoncounty.ca

The application process will close on November 4, 2022.



**The Corporation of the County of Haliburton requires a
Permanent Truck Driver/Equipment Operators**

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators are responsible for the safe operation of heavy equipment such as a trucks, backhoes, loaders, and wing plows. This position is responsible for maintaining roads, ditching, excavating culverts, and brushing.

Successful applicants will possess an AZ licence and have experience operating heavy equipment. This position requires an ability to work on call hours and respond to short notice call ins as well as good judgment and communication skills. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$25.78.

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Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub

**MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE COUNSELLOR
FULL TIME / PERMANENT**

Working with a multidisciplinary team, the clinician will provide therapeutic interventions and addiction/harm reduction supports to youth, ages 12-25, using evidence-based practices and a client-centered approach. They will provide timely, responsive, evidence-based treatment and clinical supports, including but not limited to solution-focused narrative therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, and motivational interviewing.

Qualifications
Bachelor's/Masters of Social Work, Psychology, or related degree, or an equivalent combination of work experience and education; current Certificate of Registration with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) or current registration with the College of Psychotherapy; minimum 2 years' experience working in a related position preferred, ideally in a community-based setting; experience working with black youth and people of color, First Nations, Métis and Inuit and LGBTQ+ peoples is an asset and willingness and ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends.

We recognize that equitable access to employment is an agent in social change. We welcome and strongly encourage employment of persons with lived experiences, economic challenges, from First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, people of all ages, ancestry, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, faith, creed, disability, family status, marital status, all genders and sexual orientation.

Please visit www.pointintime.ca for more details and send resume to: HR@pointintime.ca Or mail to: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, PO Box 1306, 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
By September 16, 2022



**Point in Time, Centre for Children, Youth and Parents
And Youth Wellness Hub**

DRIVER - PART-TIME/CONTRACT

We are looking for a driver to transport families/children and youth to appointments at our offices, drop-in at The Youth Wellness Hub, as well as other activities in the community and other needs as they arise.

The driver will transport passengers in a timely and safe manner. In addition to driving skills, you will also need High School diploma or GED certificate, a clean driving record and will be asked to complete a vulnerable sector check. You will also need strong communication skills, a willingness to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends and support an anti-oppressive, culturally safe environment. The driver will provide a welcoming and supportive drive to all people, regardless of race, gender identity, sexual preferences and abilities.

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Or mail to: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, PO Box 1306, 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton ON K0M 1S0
By September 16, 2022



**YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT
OPERA CLUB DIRECTOR**

13 weeks, Part-time (fee TBD upon receipt of application)

We're growing! Are you an enthusiastic, creative leader who likes art, music, theatre, working with young people and thinking outside the box? This is the opportunity for YOU!

Through the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, join the team at Highlands Opera Studio to co-ordinate and organize youth/young adult group activities and help develop new ways of experiencing opera.

Activities will take place approximately 2 times/month for approximately 13 weeks, starting October/November 2022

Duties will include working closely with the General & Co-Artistic Director in:

- Organizing and running creative social/educational events in Haliburton County (eg. Karaoke, Film nights, etc.)
- Scheduling and running meetings in person and online
- Coordinating and supervising a field trip to Toronto to see an opera in the Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts presented by the Canadian Opera Company

This new Initiative will build on the activities of the Highlands Opera Community School and the increasingly successful year round online Pay-What-You-Can Singing Lessons initiated in 2021 and supported by the HCDC.

Successful applicants should possess:

- Vulnerable Sector Certification
- Experience in working with young people, 13-18, and/or young adults, 19-30
- Excellent communication skills
- Advanced computer skills, including digital technology
- Desire to learn about opera

To apply please contact General & Co-Artistic Director, Valerie Kuinka at valerie@highlandsoperastudio.com with your resume and a short statement of intent.

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Across

- 1 Rush order?
- 5 Basketball's ___ Lamar
- 9 "Mean Girls" star turned bad girl
- 14 Actress Ward
- 15 Meteorologist's "boy"
- 16 Edith's "All in the Family" friend
- 17 The klutz in the coffee aisle ____
- 20 Sauces that Dracula should avoid
- 21 Roof rooster attachment
- 22 Email address part
- 23 10,000 ____ ("Trouble Me" band)
- 25 Having a lot of hits, maybe
- 27 The klutz at the armory ____
- 31 Aries season: Abbr.
- 34 ____-drama (fact-based film)
- 35 Milk, in Madrid
- 36 Itchy fabric, for some
- 38 ____ Québécois
- 41 Some bout enders
- 42 Topics in Motor Trend
- 44 "I Never ____ Purple Cow" (kid's poem)
- 46 Ultrafast jet, for short
- 47 The klutz at the music store ____
- 51 Writing on a spine
- 52 Soup kitchen vessels
- 56 "Who ____?" (introspective query)
- 58 Some minor hockey coaches
- 60 "Airplane!" star Nielsen
- 61 The klutz at the Dickens book club ____
- 64 Seeds
- 65 "Hansel and Gretel" prop
- 66 Religious offshoot
- 67 Fiddle bow application
- 68 Thumb-typed message, often
- 69 Palm smartphone, once

Down

- 1 Tea-growing area of India
- 2 Vintage-looking tone
- 3 March comes in like ____ out like ____

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- 5 Modest order at Dairy Queen
- 6 Could cross off a task list
- 7 As seen ____! (K-tel boast)
- 8 California desert
- 9 Red camp at a political convention
- 10 Mine find
- 11 Wrestling moves akin to full nelsons
- 12 Part of A.D.
- 13 Settle into a domestic life
- 18 Hot springs river of northern B.C.
- 19 Children's author Blyton
- 24 Grp. that spays strays
- 26 Help held up, maybe
- 28 Jockey's prize
- 29 Old term for electrical units
- 30 Like a blue-ribbon wearer
- 31 Item in a COVID-19 test kit
- 32 Rain cats and dogs
- 33 Does groundbreaking work in agriculture?
- 37 Odin's adopted son
- 39 "The ability to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that they look forward to the trip," per Churchill
- 40 "If it were me, nope"
- 43 Place, as on a table
- 45 Word on a sign painted "rouge"
- 48 The ____ Parsons Project
- 49 Just out of the forge
- 50 Cease and ____
- 53 Gun-toting Bugs hunter
- 54 Nephew's sis
- 55 Sicilian sixth
- 56 Way off
- 57 "You've Made ____ Very Happy" (1969 hit)
- 59 Diskette icon
- 62 Maui memento
- 63 "Oedipus ____"




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